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R 021607Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4671  
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E O 11652: NA  
TAGS: EFIN, GE  
SUBJ: EAST GERMANS ANNOUNCE REVALUATION OF EAST MARK AGAINST  
ZLOTY

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND FOR APRIL 30/MAY 1 CARRIES A  
PROMINENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW EAST MARK/ZLOTY  
EXCHANGE RATE, EFFECTIVE MAY 2, OF 1 MARK EQUALS  
6.6344 ZLOTYS (OR, .1570 MARKS PER ZLOTY). THE NEW  
RATE APPLIES TO "NON-COMMERCIAL PAYMENTS" AND THE  
PURCHASE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY BY POLES AND EAST GERMANS  
FOR TRAVEL IN THE OTHER COUNTRY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY'S INFORMATION THE  
PREVIOUS RATE WAS .1624 MARKS/ZLOTY. THE APPRECIATION  
OF THE EAST MARK THUS RAISES THE COST TO POLES OF  
A SHOPPING TRIP IN THE GDR A STIFF 10.3 PERCENT.

3. WE ARE UNABLE TO SPECULATE ON HOW THE EAST  
GERMANS GOT POLISH AGREEMENT TO A MOVE THAT SEEMS  
CLEARLY DISADVANTAGEOUS TO POLISH CONSUMERS, WHO  
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DESPITE EXTENSIVE PROHIBITIONS ON ITEMS THAT MAY  
BE TAKEN HOME TO POLAND, CONTINUE TO THRONG STORES  
AND MARKETS IN GDR BORDER TOWNS.POLANSKY

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